

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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U.S. National Phase of PCT/SE00/01923

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For: Use of Xanthophylls, Astaxanthin e.g., for Treatment of Autoimmune Diseases, Chronic Viral and Intracellular Bacterial Infections

Attention: PCT OFFICE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The present application is the U.S. national phase of international application number PCT/SE00/01923.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

✓ Please add the attached ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE to the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-8 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please replace claim 14 with the following amended claim 14.

AD 14(Amended). The method according to claim 12, wherein the astaxanthin is derived from a natural source.